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Governor Jerry Brown
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: VETO REQUEST FOR AB 76

Dear Governor Brown,

I am writing to urge your veto of Assembly Bill 76. This legislation would suspend key provisions of the California Public Records Act.

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group already gives California an "F" grade for our lack of transparency in government spending. We need more, not less, sunshine at both the state and local level.

While I sympathize with local governments who are bearing the brunt of California's economic downturn and historic lack of fiscal discipline by the state, eliminating transparency is not the way to relieve their burden. Citizens need a timely response to their requests and they also ought to be able to count on assistance in completing their requests.

Greater transparency and accountability should always be a priority. For the reasons stated, I urge you to veto AB 76.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER
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